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## Haiti

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### Invitation to Participate in Conference Call Regarding Adoptions from Haiti on October 23

As noted in the Department of State's [October 1 Adoption Alert](#), the Department and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) have received information from the Haitian Central Authority, *L'Institut du Bien-Etre Social et de Recherches* (IBESR), confirming that intercountry adoptions of Haitian children completed as simple adoptions on or after November 15, 2013 must be converted to plenary adoptions. The Department and USCIS travelled to Port-au-Prince in mid-October and raised outstanding questions regarding the simple-to-plenary conversion process in meetings with IBESR, as well as Haiti's processing of transition and Convention cases. The Department and USCIS will host a conference call to provide a readout of the meetings, and updates on the conversion process and IBESR case processing. We also intend to publish further information on our website.

***Invitation to adoption service providers and adoptive families:***

Accredited or approved adoption service providers who are authorized to provide services for adoptions from Haiti, and adoptive families who are adopting from Haiti, are invited to participate in a conference call on:

**October 23 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Eastern)**

Call line (from United States): 1-800-230-1085

Call line (from outside United States): 612-234-9960

For further information regarding this notice, please contact the Department's Office of Children's Issues via email at [Adoption@state.gov](mailto:Adoption@state.gov). For case-specific inquiries, please contact the U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince Adoption Unit at [PAPadoptions@state.gov](mailto:PAPadoptions@state.gov) or the USCIS Field Office in Port-au-Prince at [Haiti.USCIS@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:Haiti.USCIS@uscis.dhs.gov). Please continue to monitor our website for updates on adoptions from Haiti.